## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1274

## By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Stephanie Otis of Ridin' High Therapeutic Riding Center, a nationally recognized "Champion" volunteer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary organizations and their remarkable volunteers who work with purpose and conviction to improve the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Otis was recently named a "Champion" volunteer by Equine Welfare Network/Equus Foundation in recognition of her volunteer service with Ridin' High Therapeutic Riding Center in Morristown; and

WHEREAS, Ridin' High is a certified nonprofit riding program that uses equine-assisted services to help persons with physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities; and

WHEREAS, volunteers at Ridin' High range in age from fourteen to eighty-two and provide hands-on help with the horses, riders, and facility on a day-to-day basis; additionally, many volunteers assist with fundraising efforts and facility improvements; and

WHEREAS, the national honor of "Champion" volunteer was bestowed upon those individuals who volunteered for at least twenty-four hours during 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otis's devoted, selfless service most assuredly improved the lives of the riders at Ridin' High Therapeutic Riding Center and helped further the mission of this important organization; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we recognize this most deserving Tennessee volunteer at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor Stephanie Otis for her recognition as a "Champion" volunteer by the Equine Welfare Network/Equus Foundation and commend her important work with Ridin' High Therapeutic Riding Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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